

Kirkpatrick Organization Linked to CIA Fund Outlets

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A private research organization headed by noted political scientist Evron M. Kirkpatrick has been extensively financed by foundations linked earlier with the Central Intelligence Agency, according to The Nation magazine.

The magazine identified the organization as Operations and Policy Research Inc., with headquarters at 4000 Albemarle St. N.W. Kirkpatrick, executive director of the American Political Science Association, serves as director of its board.

Kirkpatrick last night acknowledged OPR's receipt of funds from two foundations named by the National Student Association as conduits for CIA funds, but said he knew of no programs carried out at the CIA's behest.

He said OPR "is a private research organization that does research for private and public organizations on foundation grants."

Article Called 'Web'

Kirkpatrick said the magazine article was an "intricate web of inaccuracies, distortions, misquotations, prejudices and outright lies."

Kirkpatrick, a former University of Minnesota professor, worked in 1945 for the Office of Strategic Services, the CIA's predecessor. From 1946 to 1954 he was an intelligence official with the State Department.

He has headed the American Political Science Association since 1954.

The Nation said OPR was supported solely in its early years by U.S. Information Agency funds and still receives almost \$60,000 annually from the USIA, as well as grants from the Pentagon, State Department and other government agencies.

But the magazine said OPR also receives funds from the Sidney and Esther Rabb Charitable Foundation, one of several named last week by the Nation-

al Student Association as a conduit for CIA funds.

NSA received \$6,000 from the foundation, and The Nation said OPR was given four times as much . . . as it gave the students."

OPR also received \$120,000 from the Pappas Charitable Trust of Boston during the last two years, the magazine said. Pappas also supports the International Development Foundation, identified earlier by government officials as a conduit for CIA funds.

The Nation said the International Development Foundation was, in turn, started with the aid of \$187,685 from Radio Free Europe and \$30,000 from the Beacon Fund, identified by a congressional committee as a channel for CIA money.

Kirkpatrick Quoted

"Kirkpatrick says it is 'very likely' that these two foundations transmit CIA funds and acknowledges that in 1963, 1964 and 1965, OPR received CIA money, 'principally' for studies of Latin American elections. No strings, he says, were attached to these grants," the magazine said.

Kirkpatrick denied the magazine's suggestion that the CIA also financed OPR's program of evaluating books, magazines and other literature distributed at home and abroad.

But when asked last night what use was made of the CIA-linked funds, he said these were for "various research programs for private and public organizations" and refused to elaborate.

Kirkpatrick also refused to discuss the Institute for Cross Cultural Research and the Institute for the Comparative Study of Political Systems, housed in the same building as OPR and identified earlier as recipients of funds from CIA-supported foundations.

Kirkpatrick's wife, Jean, was the editor of "The Strategy of Deception," a 1964 book that

was later found to have been subsidized by the USIA.

"I wrote the book on contract for the New Leader magazine, and made a very paltry fee," Mrs. Kirkpatrick said last night. She said she was not aware of the USIA's financing of the work.